

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 and 15 through 20 are pending, with Claims 1, 19, and 20 being independent. Claims 1, 19, and 20 have been amended. Among other amendments, those claims have been amended to recite that the value determined in advance is a value which is not updated, which Applicant respectfully submits is supported by the disclosure at, e.g., page 19, lines 12 through 16, with the remaining amendments being submitted by Applicant to be supported by, e.g., Fig. 7 and page 22, lines 17-23. Of course, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 15 through 17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, for lack of written description. All rejections are respectfully traversed. The Official Action states that the description at page 22, lines 22-23 of the specification which refers to “a reduction ratio for the both images and the trimming quantity may be changed” does not support the recitation of displaying the images with different sizes. Applicant respectfully traverses this statement. Applicant respectfully submits that said portion of the specification would, to the contrary, lead the artisan to conclude that Applicant was in possession of the claimed invention. This is because page 22, lines 18 and 19 refer to the “arrangement of the reference image and the image 102”, from which Applicant believes that different sizes as claimed is supported. Also, page 21, lines 19-20 refer to an alternative which uses “exclusive resolution converters”. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 15 through 17, 19, and 20 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,791,624 B1 (Suga), 6,449,018 B1 (Yokoyama), and 6,492,982 B1 (Matsuzaki, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 19, and 20 variously recite, inter alia, displaying the first image (on the basis of an image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance...), the second image (on the basis of a value for newly performing an adjustment operation), and a pre-conversion third image, wherein they can be displayed, respectively, in different sizes.

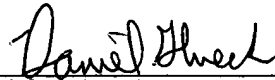
However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of Suga, Yokoyama, and Matsuzaki, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, arguendo, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 19, and 20. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features. By means of such features, e.g., Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention can make it possible to easily adjust an image by comparing the relevant image not only with the image of which the image quality has been adjusted to, for example, a standard image quality adjustment value but also with the pre-conversion image, and also if the relevant image is displayed in an enlarged size, for example, it is possible to further make such adjustment easy.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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